(b) if so, the year-wise details for the last three years;

(c) whether Government have provided any marketing support to this sector in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) and (b) No assistance has been provided to Government of Maharashtra for this purpose. However, under the Plan Schemes of the Ministry, assistance has been provided through Marine Products Export Development Authority for setting up of fish processing units in the State of Maharashtra as follows:—

Year	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1993-94	67.50
1994-95	—
1995-96	15.47

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Shahpur Kandi Dam in Punjab

2520. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether foundation stone for construction of Shahpur Kandi Dam cum 168 MW power project in Punjab was laid on 20th April, 1995;

(b) if so, the estimated project cost in April, 1995 and the funding source envisaged during clearance of the project;

(c) whether any global tender for prequalification for execution of the project was floated;

(d) whether bilateral negotiations are being held with a Korean firm for the above project; if so, the basis of such negotiations; and

(e) when the CEA's Techno-economic clearance was obtained and whether CEA has been apprised of the global prequalification bid as well the present bilateral negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The foundation stone for construction of the Shahpur Kandi Dam-cum-168 MW power project was laid on 20th April, 1995.

(b) The project is expected to cost Rs. 1038 crores at April, 1995 price level.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Punjab Government invited pre-qualification bids from Indian/foreign parties for development of 168 MW Shahpur Kandi Dam Project on BOO/BOT basis.

(d) Bilateral negotiations are being held between M/s. Daewoo Corporation, South Korea and the Government of Punjab on the basis of the offer of M/s. Daewoo Corporation.

(e) The techno-economic clearance for the Shahpur Kandi Dam Project was received from the Central Electricity Authority on 10th March, 1992. As per the State Government, Central Electricity Authority can be apprised of the final price bid and technical bid emerging from the bilateral negotiations after they are received from M/s. Daewoo Corporation.

Amount sanctioned by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

2521. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to various NGOs during 1995-96 and as on date, for transfer of technology;

(b) whether the Council sanctioned funds to such NGOs whose existence is in doubt or which have been black-listed by CAPART or which have surfaced just to utilise the funds;

(c) whether the Council gave the work of transfer of technology to the non-technical persons without any experience in the field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGENDER K. ALAGH): (a) CSIR does not have any scheme to sanction funds to NGOs for transfer of technology.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Regularisation of Kamla Nehru Nagar in Lucknow

2522 SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 739 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the U.P Government have recently decided to regularise Kamla Nehru Nagar (Khurram Nagar), Lucknow (UP) as the residents are paying the development charges;

(b) if so, the date on which the decision was taken; and

(c) if not, by when a decision to regularise the colony would be taken;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As reported by Government of Uttar Pradesh, presently there is no proposal to regularise Kamla Nehru Nagar in Lucknow.

Foreign Hostages Sighted in Kishtawar

2523. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether if is a fact that the four foreign hostages held by Al-Faran in Kashmir, have been sighted in high mountains near Sythrn Pass in Kishtawar area of Doda District during the first week of August, 1996 as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 11th August, 1996; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the report referred to in the question. The position indicated therein has not been substantiated or confirmed by any official sources.

प्रमुख बाजारों से नहीं जुड़े अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के गांव

2524. **श्री मोहिन्दर सिंह कल्याण: क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के ऐसे कितने गांव हैं जिन्हें संबंधित क्षेत्रों के प्रमुख बाजारों से अभी तक नहीं जोड़ा जा सका है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के ऐसे सभी गांवों को राज्य के सम्बन्धित क्षेत्रों के प्रमुख बाजारों से जोड़ने हेतु कोई राष्ट्रीय योजना तैयार की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री चन्द्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) राज्य सड़कों का निर्माण एवं रख-रखाव फिलहाल राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेदारी है। यह मंत्रालय अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों वाले गावों को जोड़ने से संबंधित आंकड़े नहीं रखता है।

(ख) से (घ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत आठवीं योजना के अंत तक सभी बारहमासी सड़कों को 1000 और उससे अधिक की जनसंख्या वाले सभी गांवों से जोड़ने की परिकल्पना की गई है।